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Dear Commissioner:

On April 24, 2003 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued an office action in the above-entitled application. The applicant responds as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, third paragraph: Certain of these selectively engageable friction mechanisms include interleaved pairs of disks, each pair connected to differing parts thereof. For example in a transmission, the interleaved pairs of disks might connect a ring gear to the transmission case for a sun gear input (or output) drive and a planet carrier output (or input) drive in an automatic transmission. Additional example would be to utilize the selective of the engagement of the interleaved disks to connect an input shaft to co-axial output shaft in a clutch device. Further example using the interleaved disks to connect a shaft to its housing [in] to create a brake. Typically these mechanisms included concentric sintered rings of a friction substance on steel for the disks. This

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